

POLICY WILL BE DEFINED

WAR ACTIVITY IS SOMEWHAT INCREASED NOW

GERMANY'S PLAN MAY BE CORRECT

United States Must Act Quickly as the Time Limit is Only Seventeen Days.

NOW WAITING ON VIENNA

Various High Officials Believe Germany's Position to Be Well Founded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Germany's formal note to the United States announcing its intention to treat armed merchantmen of the Entente Allies, as warships, after February 29, reached the state department today.

It was pointed out today in high official quarters that the United States would have to reach a decision quickly, only seventeen days remaining before the effective date of this declaration.

There are strong indications that various high officials believe the position of the Central Powers to be well founded in view of the changed conditions of sea warfare.

Representatives of the Entente Allies have made oral representations to Secretary Lansing regarding the American memorandum.

The state department has been informed that others of the Entente governments were viewing the question with open minds, but it was

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FORGED CHECK

Charge against a Man Who Has Fallen Heir to Almost Half Million Dollars.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Keith Edward Dalrymple, 23 years old, surprised yesterday by the police who told him he was the heir to a \$450,000 estate in Port Allegheny, Pa., was surprised again today when he was further identified as a man wanted in Milwaukee for passing a forged check.

The Milwaukee identification was made by John Sullivan, chief of Milwaukee detectives.

WOMEN'S RIGHT

To Vote for Convention Delegates and Precinct Committeemen to Be Tested.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—The question of whether women have a right to vote for national convention delegates and state precinct committeemen will be passed upon by the state supreme court.

A petition for leave to bring mandamus proceedings was filed in the supreme court today by James T. Garretson, of Springfield, against County Clerk Charles W. Byers.

NOT A VIOLATION.

(By Associated Press.) PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 12.—Importation of liquor into Arizona for "personal use" is not in violation of the Arizona state prohibition law which became effective January 1, 1915 according to an opinion handed down today by the Arizona state supreme court.

BLUE CAN NOT SUCCEED SELF

And He is Not, Therefore, An Issue in the Present Campaign in This State.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 12.—Reports received here are to the effect that in efforts to garner votes by any means whatsoever, Attorney General A. A. Lilly is balking promises to suit any occasion which might arise.

In several instances anti-prohibitionists have been found who have declared themselves for Lilly, because, as they say, he is willing "to give them another chance at the wet and dry fight."

Before saloons could again come into the state the legislature would have to submit another amendment to the constitution and that would have to be ratified by a vote of the people.

Another scheme of the Lilly adherents is to spread the rumor, absolutely false, that Tax Commissioner Fred O. Blue, who has charge of the enforcement of the prohibition laws, is a relative of Judge Ira E. Robinson and that if elected, Robinson will reappoint Blue.

Section 1, chapter 29, of the code, says:

"The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint as state tax commissioner some citizen of this state entitled to vote, whose term of office shall begin at the date of appointment, and shall continue for six years and until the successor of such commissioner is appointed and qualified, unless he be sooner removed, but who shall not be eligible for reappointment."

From the above it will be seen that neither Lilly nor any other person who might be elected governor can "give them another chance" so far as prohibition is concerned.

Should Lilly be elected governor he would take an oath to see that the laws are faithfully executed. He would not have the power to make or break laws. To be of service to those who oppose prohibition he would have to violate the oath he would take. But even then he could do but little if anything, because the enforcement of the prohibition law is in the hands of the tax commissioner over whom the governor has no control.

The Lilly adherents are apparently appealing to every prejudice—good, bad or indifferent, in a vain effort to gain support.

HORN SANE

According to the Report of the Physician Who Examined His Mental Condition.

BOSTON, Feb. 12.—It was learned today that Werner Horn, an officer of the German Landwehr, who is accused of having attempted to wreck a railroad bridge across the international boundary at Vanceboro, Me., has been declared sane by three physicians who recently examined him. Horn is in the East Cambridge jail.

UNIVERSITY JUNIOR HELD FOR THE MURDER OF GIRL

Whom after He Had Jilted He Left in the Woods to Die of Poison.

CONFESSES TO THE CRIME

Says He Saw Her Take the Poison and Waited until It Killed Her.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—William H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin junior who is said to have left Marion Frances Lambert, whom he had jilted, to die of poison in her wood at Lake Forest, a suburb, was charged with murder and held in the Waukegan jail without bail.

Orpet, who is 29 years old, is said by Ralph J. Dady, state's attorney at Waukegan, to have admitted to him that he had been intimate with the girl, who was but 18 years old. He is said to have stated further that Miss Lambert had feared for four months that she was to become a mother despite drugs which Orpet purchased for her, and which made her ill.

Before leaving Madison, Orpet is said to have tried to arrange an alibi. He wrote a letter to Miss Lambert and left it in the hands of a friend to be mailed Wednesday afternoon. At that time he was on his way back to the university. He had left his room at a boarding in a condition to suggest that he had occupied it Tuesday night.

Miss Youker is said to be an instructor in chemistry at a normal college at DeKalb, Ill. It is said she was a school mate of Orpet's at Lake Forest before he went to the university. The prisoner is an athletic looking young man, dressed in regulation college garb. To a reporter he said:

"I met her by appointment in the woods. I told her not to tell any one I was coming. I missed up my bed in the boarding house at Madison so my landlady would think I had been there. I arrived at Lake (Continued on page 8, first section.)"

CARDINAL MERCIER VISITS THE POPE



This picture of the famous Belgian cardinal has just been received in this country from Rome, where the cardinal recently held a historic interview with His Holiness Pope Benedict.

REBEL BANDS

Are Moving on Tuxpam in Such Force As to Endanger the Carranza Garrison.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Indications that rebel bands are moving on Tuxpam, Mexico, in such force as to endanger the Carranza garrison there reached the state department today, in consular dispatches. The Mexican gunboat Machias has been ordered to Tuxpam from Tampico. Details are lacking, but previous dispatches have told of a revival of rebel activity in the oil fields about Tuxpam where the large American properties are located.

WRITS OF ERROR

And Supersedes Are Awarded in Two Cases by the State Supreme Court.

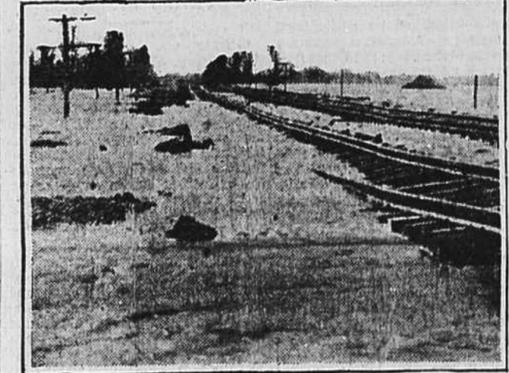
CHARLESTON, Feb. 12.—Writs of error and superseades have been awarded by the supreme court of appeal as follows: S. J. Bailey against H. M. Riffe, from Raleigh county; and Laura G. Smith against Ben Smith, from Roane county.

Robert L. Hogg, of Mason county, and Charles A. Menkemiller, of Ohio county, have been admitted to practice before this court.

CUMMINS SPEAKS.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 12.—United States Senator A. B. Cummins, of Iowa, spoke at the annual dinner of the Lincoln Club here tonight. He declared himself in favor of the government manufacture of war munitions.

FLOODS DO BIG DAMAGE IN ARKANSAS



Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage was done by the recent floods in Arkansas. These floods were particularly severe in and around Newton, where railroads were undermined by the waters and put out of business for many days.

ANOTHER SHIP IS SUNK BY THE GERMANS

In the North Sea According to An Official Admiralty Report Just Given Out.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—In addition to the British ship Arabis, another British vessel was sunk by a German torpedo boat in the North sea, according to an official admiralty report given out here tonight. The report, which is forwarded for publication by the Overseas News Agency follows:

"The admiralty reports relative to the sinking of the British cruiser Arabis that a second English ship was sunk, which was hit by a torpedo. A German torpedo boat rescued the commander of the Arabis, also the surgeon, one officer, one non-commissioned officer and twenty-seven men. During the return, however, the surgeon and three men died because of long exposure in the sea."

A German official statement issued yesterday, claimed that on the night of February 10-11 during an advance of German torpedo boats several English cruisers were met on the Dogger bank about 120 miles east of the English coast and that one of them, the new cruiser Arabis, was sunk. The statement also declared that a torpedo struck a second cruiser.

The British admiralty stated that the cruisers mentioned in the German report were four mine sweeping vessels, three of which returned safely.

STEAMER CLEARED.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Feb. 12.—The Italian steamship Prometeo today sailed after having been retained here several days by customs authorities on the ground that it was an armed vessel. Instructions were received late last night from Washington, following which clearance papers were issued. The Prometeo has a cargo of oil.

MOST IMPORTANT IS IN WEST ZONE

But That along Lines Where Russians and Teutons Face Each Other is Notable.

AUSTRIANS TAKE POSITION

Russian Offensive Forces Pressure on Entente Forces along Some Fronts.

Somewhat increased activity is reported from several of the European fronts, notably from the scene of hostilities in France and along the lines where Russians and Teutons are facing each other in Galicia.

The most important infantry operation on the western front occurred in the Champagne, where a French attack was carried through after prolonged artillery preparation and according to Paris some 300 yards of German trenches were taken. Berlin concedes a French gain in this territory, northeast of Massiges, placing the extent of the captured position at 200 yards. Petrograd unofficially reports the Teutonic forces on the defensive on the three important streams along which much of the recent fighting in Galicia and nearby fronts has been conducted—the Sereth, the Pruth and Dniester. Several breaches are declared to have been made in the lines of the Teutonic Allies. While admitting that the immediate strategic results so far have not been important, the Petrograd advices record a belief that the Russian offensive has at least relieved pressure on the Entente forces along other fronts.

The current Austrian report on the operations against the Russians admits no permanent gains for the reports of Emperor Nicholas, mentioning specifically an operation northwest of Larnopol, Galicia, where Russian detachments that occupied several advanced Austrian trenches are declared to have been ejected in a counter attack.

In the battling with the Italians, Vienna claims the capture of a position near Fitch, on the Italian front, by Austrian troops, while in the Albanian operations the repulse of Italian attacks near Tirana, northeast of Durazzo, is reported. A Rome despatch brings statements attributed to both French and Italian political sources that complete accord has been reached between Pre-

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REPRISALS

For Zeppelin Raids Suggested Are Strongly Condemned by Lord High Chancellor.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Lord high chancellor, Baron Buckmaster, speaking tonight at Keighley, strongly condemned the suggested reprisals for Zeppelin raids. He said:

"There could be no greater tragedy in the black tragedy of this time than when we had conquered the Germans, we should have moulded ourselves and our behavior upon the very model we set out to break. This is not merely a war of armies, but of ideals."

FREE LAW

As to Oil Inspection Is Held by State Supreme Court to Be Unconstitutional.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 12.—The Kansas oil inspection fee law was held unconstitutional by the Kansas supreme court today because the fees are in excess of the amount necessary to pay for the interest of inspection. It was held that the law was a revenue producing measure rather than a police measure. The court ordered the state treasurer to return to various oil companies \$123,789.04 paid in the last eleven months. The fee was ten cents a barrel.

MILITARY SCIENCE

Course for Princeton Will Be Inaugurated with Address by Breckinridge.

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 12.—A course of military science for Princeton University will be inaugurated Monday night with an address by H. C. Breckinridge, former assistant secretary of war. The course is to consist of weekly lectures in connection with tactical excursions under the direction of regular army officers.

Rifle practice is to be held but no drill and the work is to be entirely optional.

TEDDY IS GREATEST LIVING AMERICAN.

(By Associated Press.) MUSKOGEE, Okla., Feb. 12.—A motion to endorse Theodore Roosevelt for the Republican nomination for president was defeated today by Republicans of the Second Oklahoma congressional district in convention here. The convention adopted a motion, however, referring to Colonel Roosevelt as "the greatest living American." Delegates to the national convention were chosen.